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The Connecticut Plan: A Superior Education for 21st Century Learners

Understanding the Urgent Need for Secondary School Reform in CT



"We have a responsibility to our children to prepare them for the demands of the 21st Century. Outdated structures and approaches in our high schools must be replaced with engaging, content-rich experiences that will enable our students to achieve at higher levels and to compete successfully in the world economy."

- Mark K. McQuillan, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education

SSR in CT: Live Keynote Session Monday, March 1, 2010 — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Mark K. McQuillan

Commissioner of Education, CT State Department of Education

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The CT State Department of Education has begun the process to reform Connecticut's secondary schools and bring to students new supports, new experiences, and more rigorous graduation requirements. This webinar will provide an opportunity to learn more about this exciting new initiative and its four components that comprise this effort. Although a strong focus is placed on students at the secondary level, the innovative concepts that have been developed within this initiative can be introduced to children in younger grades as well. A more in-depth look at each component will follow this introductory session.

This first session will be broadcast live and will also be available for later viewing on the web.

Following the Live Keynote session, the CSDE, SERC, and School District Representatives will collaborate to develop four (4) more in-depth programs, one for each component, which will be placed on the web for viewing at anytime. These web-based programs will be available by late March - early April.

Upcoming Sessions:

The Capstone Experience

The Student Success Plan (SSP)

Student Support/ School Environment Model Curriculum

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